

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT  
EMERGENCY AND ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE BRANCH  
WEEK OF JANUARY 20-24, 1997**

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**Explosive Material, Lynwood, Illinois**

On January 16-18, OSCs Borries and Simes and Ginny Narsette of the Office of Public Affairs responded to a request from the Illinois EPA and Village of Lynwood, Illinois Police Department to address unknown chemicals at the Terry Durnin residence suspected of being used to manufacture explosive materials. The material suspected of being manufactured was a nitro bearing material (i.e. nitroglycol or nitroglycerine). All families were evacuated from the 5 unit condominium complex while the suspected explosive materials were investigated and eventually removed. The ERCS contractor was utilized to haz. cat. unknown materials which were determined as safe to handle. The unknown nitro bearing material was detonated across the street in a Cook County forest preserve by the Cook County Bomb Squad. All other unknown materials were lab packed and disposed of by U.S. EPA.

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**Dayton Electroplate Site, Dayton, Ohio**

The removal action at the Dayton Electroplate site was initiated on January 3, 1997, by U.S. EPA following vandalism at the abandoned plating facility. Site security and sampling of wastestreams was initiated during the period of January 3-17. The site consists of two buildings (60,000 square feet) and four large plating lines. Abandoned wastestreams include corrosives, cyanide, metals, flammables, and mercury. To date, 1,050 samples were collected for wastestream analysis. Two public meetings were held during the week of January 20, to brief community groups on the status of the removal action.

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**Emergency Response, Alsip, Illinois**

On Thursday January 23, a call was received from the Alsip Fire Department for assistance on a release of a unknown hazardous material at the Airborne Express office in Alsip, Illinois. OSC Simes and the Start contractor responded. Air monitoring was conducted of the area and no readings were identified. Air monitoring inside the trailer found a leaking container of petroleum distillates and Sodium Hydroxide. The leaking container was isolated and the package was removed and placed in a drum.

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